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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF

ART UNIT: 1652

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EXAMINER: PAK, YONG D.

APPLICATION NO: 09/853,918

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FOR: MODIFIED INOSINE 5'-MONOPHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE  
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, a reply to which is due February 5, 2003 with a shortened statutory period for reply. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of time with an authorization to charge the fee therefore is filed herewith. Therefore, this reply is due May 5, 2003 and is deemed to be timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Remarks

Claims 1-56 are pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has misstated the status of certain claims. In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 30, 2002, Applicants elected to prosecute the invention of Group I, Claims 1-17, 32, 53 and 55-56 and further elected SEQ ID NO:30 in response to a species election requirement. Accordingly, Applicants believe that Claims 18-31, 33-52 and 54 are pending and withdrawn from consideration as directed to a nonelected invention.